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SUBJECT: GRAND POUBARA -- VISIT OF CHAS. T. MAIN

--- INTERNATIONAL (CTMI)

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1. JOHN H. BARRETT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND GERARD BLANC, INTERNATIONAL MANAGER, CTMI, PLAN ARRIVE LIBREVILLE EVENING NOVEMBER 1 TO PRESENT PROPOSAL FOR ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY STUDY PERSONALLY TO PRESIDENT BONGO AND MINISTER MBOUY-BOUTZIT AS FOLLOW-UP TO SEPTEMBER 17 MEETING WITH BONG AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMMITMENT TO GOG (REFS A AND B). BARRETT AND BLANC HAVE ALSO REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS WITH NTOUTOUME AND SEEG DIRECTOR GENERAL DIVUNGI DI NDINGE.

2. BARRETT CAN STAY LIBREVILLE UNTIL NOVEMBER 6, BLANC UNTIL NOVEMBER 9, AS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS

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OBJECTIVE. BOTH HAVE OBTAINED VISAS AND HOLD

RESERVATIONS AT OKOUME PALACE.

3. MINDFUL OF GOG DESIRE TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY
STUDY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, CTMI EXPENDED A GOOD DEAL OF

EFFORT TO DEVELOP ITS PROPOSAL WITH MAXIMUM SPEED
CONSISTENT WITH SOUND INFORMATION ACQUISITION AND
ANALYSIS. CONSEQUENTLY, FIRM IS PREPARED TO PRESENT
PROPOSAL TO GOG AS OF NOVEMBER 2 -- I.E., ONE WEEK
AHEAD OF DEADLINE (REFS B AND C). EMBASSY MAY FIND
IT USEFUL TO MAKE THIS POINT IN ARRANGING MEETINGS
FOR BARRETT AND BLANC WITH GOG OFFICIALS.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED -- SUBJECT TO ITS DISCRETION --
TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED PARA 1 (ABOVE) AND
SUCH OTHER ASSISTANCE AS CTMI VISITORS MAY REQUIRE.
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